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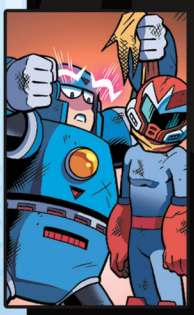
IN THE YEAR 20XX, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN HAS PLEDGED TO STOP THE EVIL DESIRES OF DR. WILY AND PROTECT THE WORLD. MEGA MAN NOW FIGHTS ALONGSIDE HIS FELLOW ROBOT MASTERS TO DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

MEGA MAN™

PREVIOUSLY...

Mega Man's in trouble!

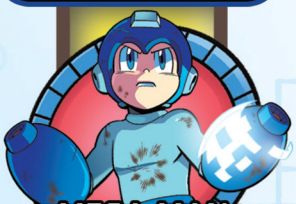
When the sinister alien Ra Moon first came to Earth thousands of years ago, it briefly interacted with early humanity before going dormant. But when humanity had reached a sufficient technological level, Ra Moon rose from his hibernation and enacted a plan to erase all life from the planet.



Mega Man leapt into action and confronted Ra Moon. In the end, humanity was saved and Ra Moon destroyed.

But victory was not without sacrifice. The overload of energy used to destroy the evil alien menace critically damaged Mega Man as well. On the verge of death, our hero's life now lies in the hands of Dr. Light and Dr. Wily...

CHARACTER SELECT



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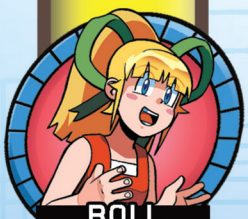
HERO OF LIGHT LABS, CRITICALLY DAMAGED



ROLL
HELPER BOT, MEGA MAN'S SISTER

DR. LIGHT
CREATOR OF MEGA MAN & ROLL, FATHER OF MODERN ROBOTICS

DR. WILY
MAD SCIENTIST, DR. LIGHT'S RIVAL

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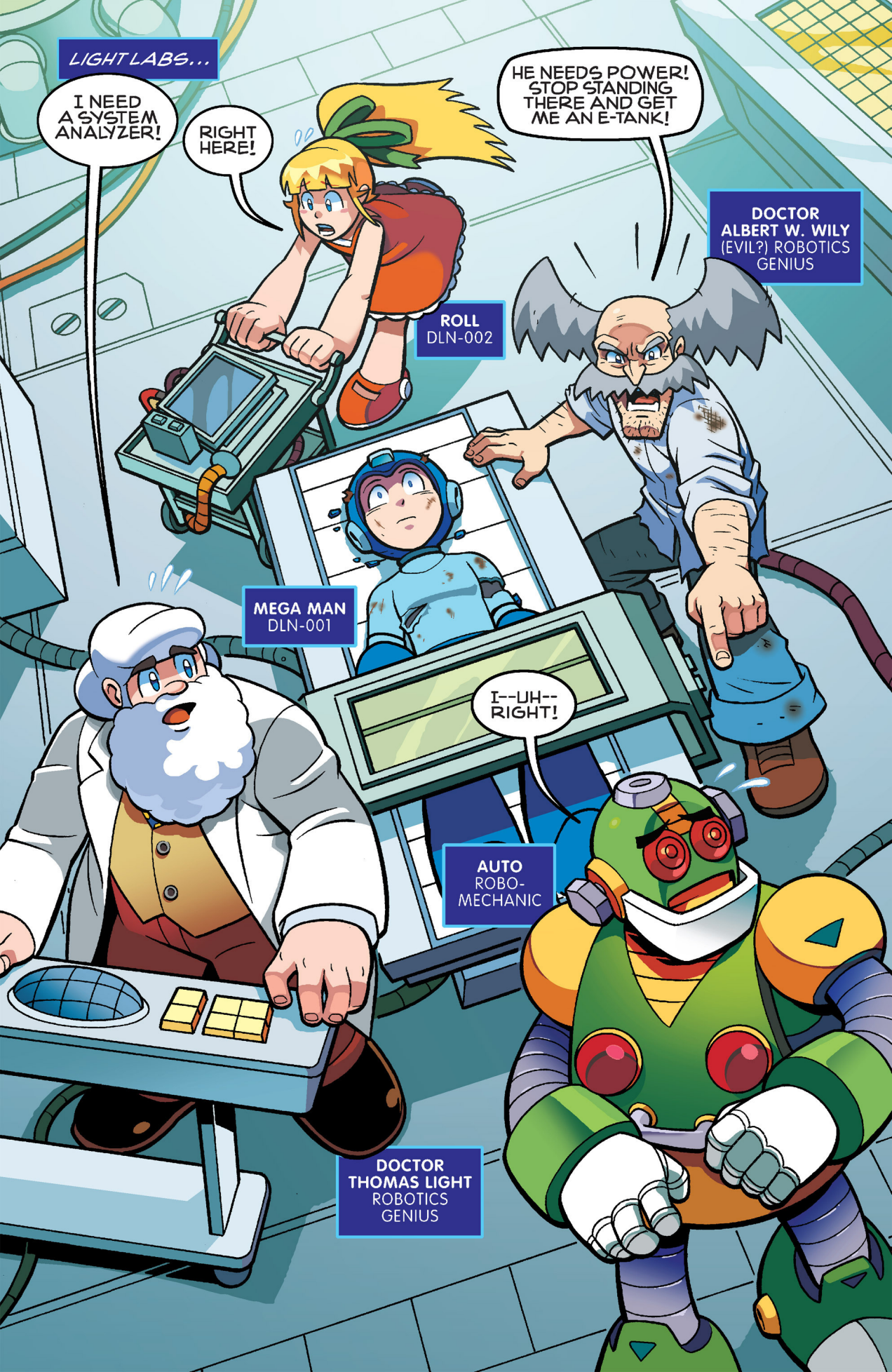
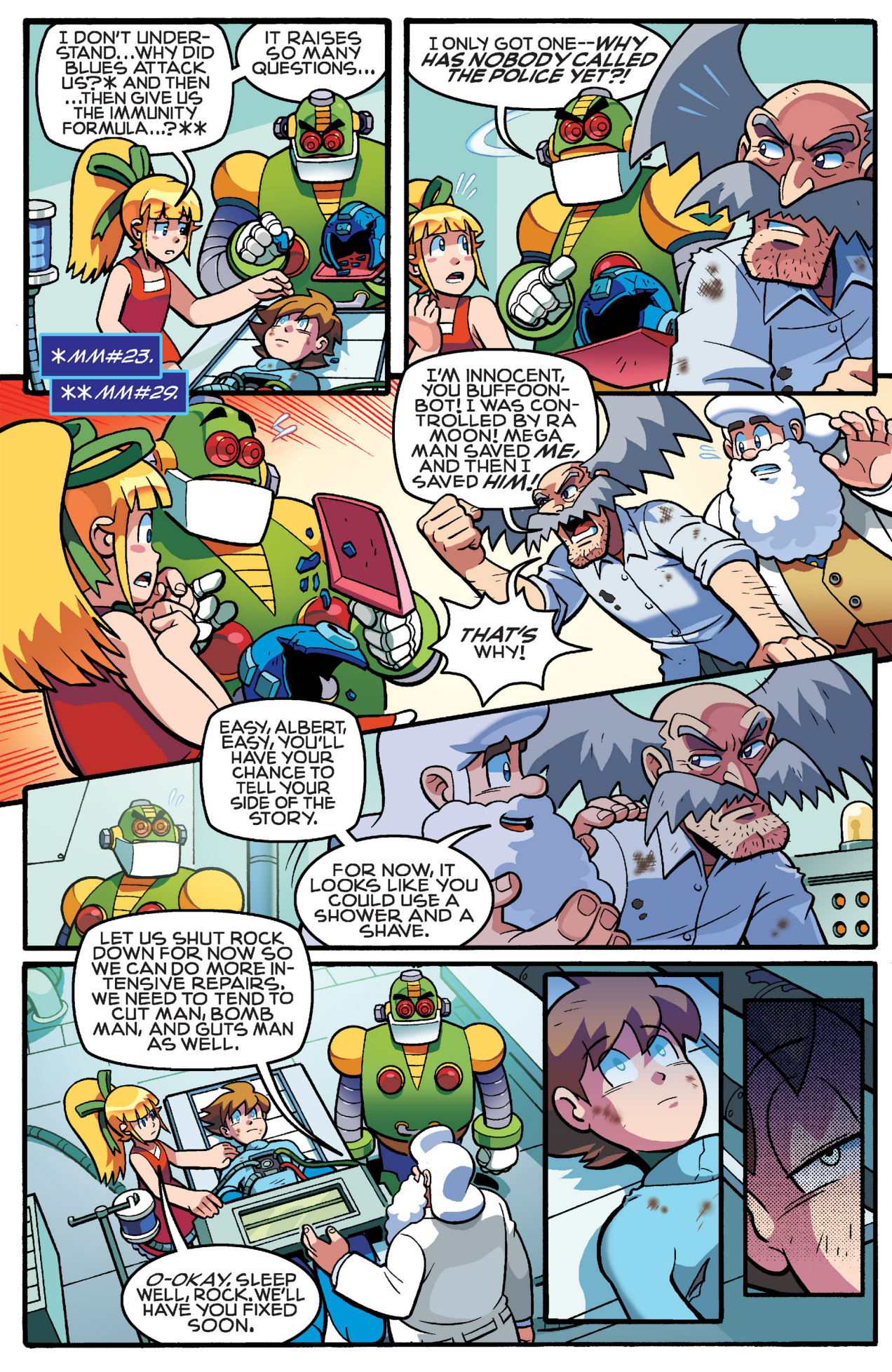
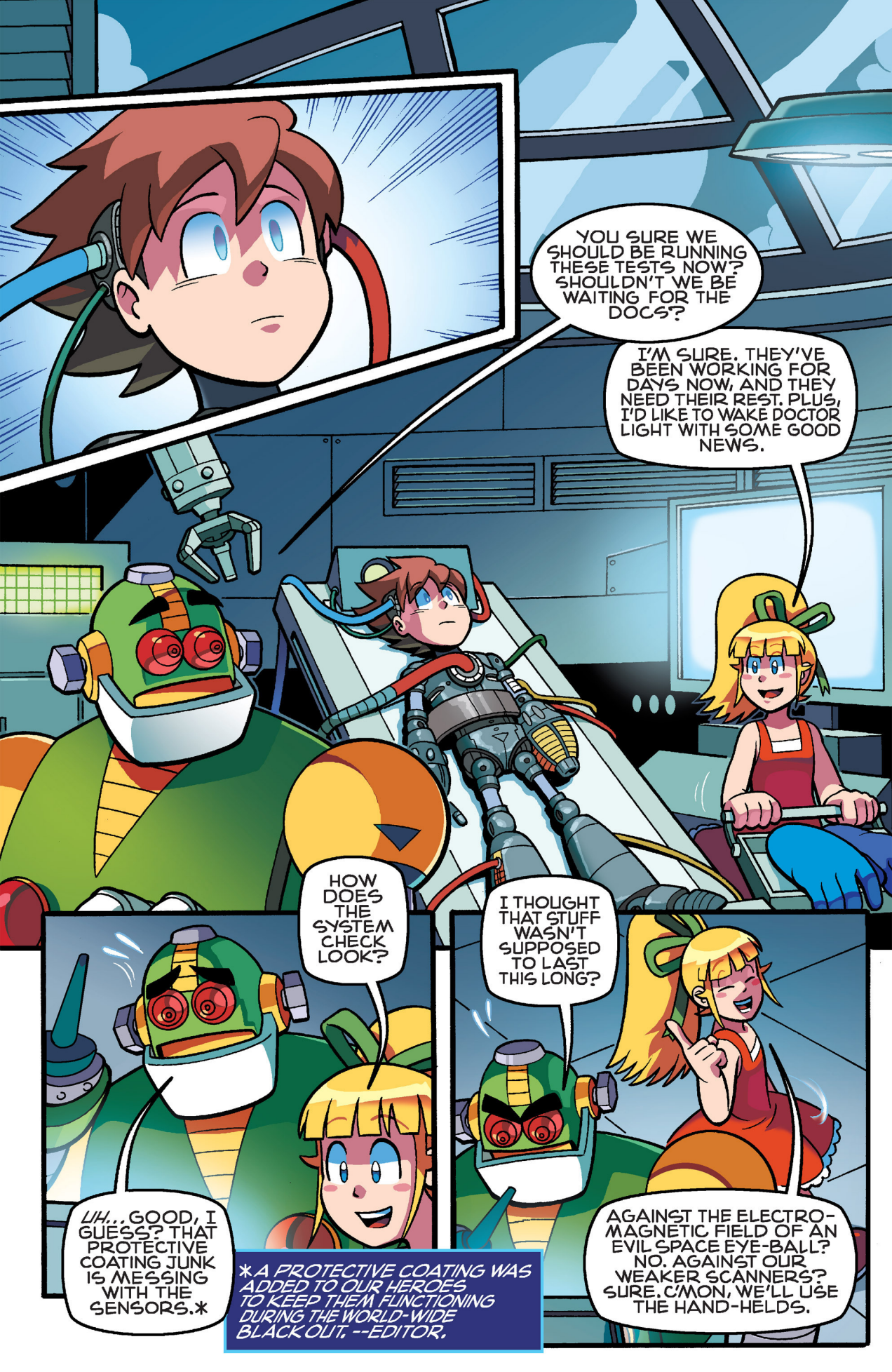
MEMORY RESTORATION IN PROGRESS...
WARNING!
CRITICAL SYSTEM DAMAGE.
TOTAL SYSTEM FAILURE IMMINENT.
EDITOR'S NOTE: COMPLETE THE MEMORY RESTORATION PROCESS YOURSELF BY READING MM #29-32! THE ENTIRE "BLACKOUT: THE CURSE OF RA MOON" STORY ARC IS AVAILABLE NOW!

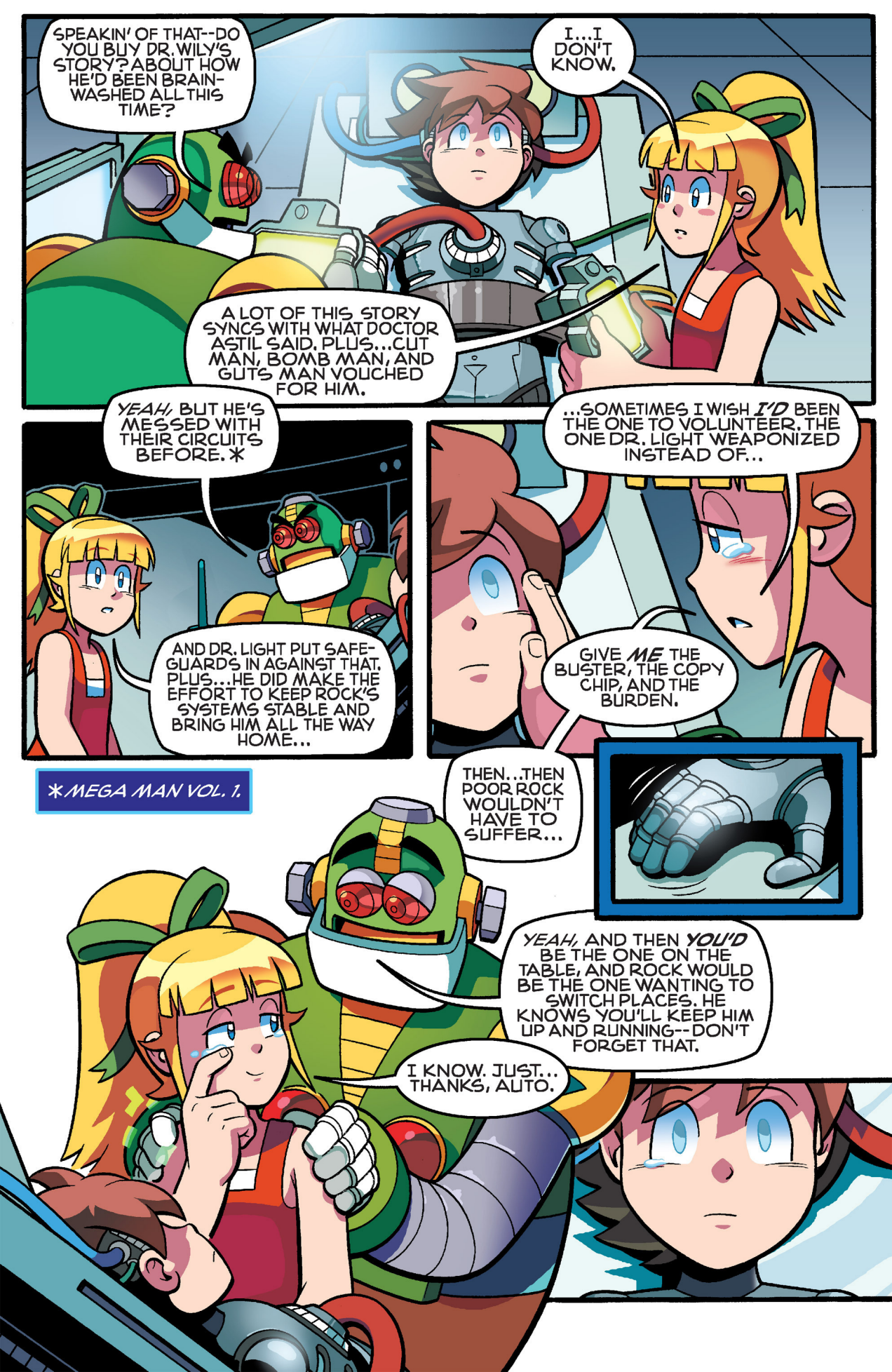

LIGHT LABS...
I NEED A SYSTEM ANALYZER!
RIGHT HERE!
HE NEEDS POWER! STOP STANDING THERE AND GET ME AN E-TANK!
DOCTOR ALBERT W. WILY (EVIL?) ROBOTICS GENIUS
ROLL DLN-002
MEGA MAN DLN-001
I--UH--RIGHT!
AUTO ROBO-MECHANIC
DOCTOR THOMAS LIGHT ROBOTICS GENIUS

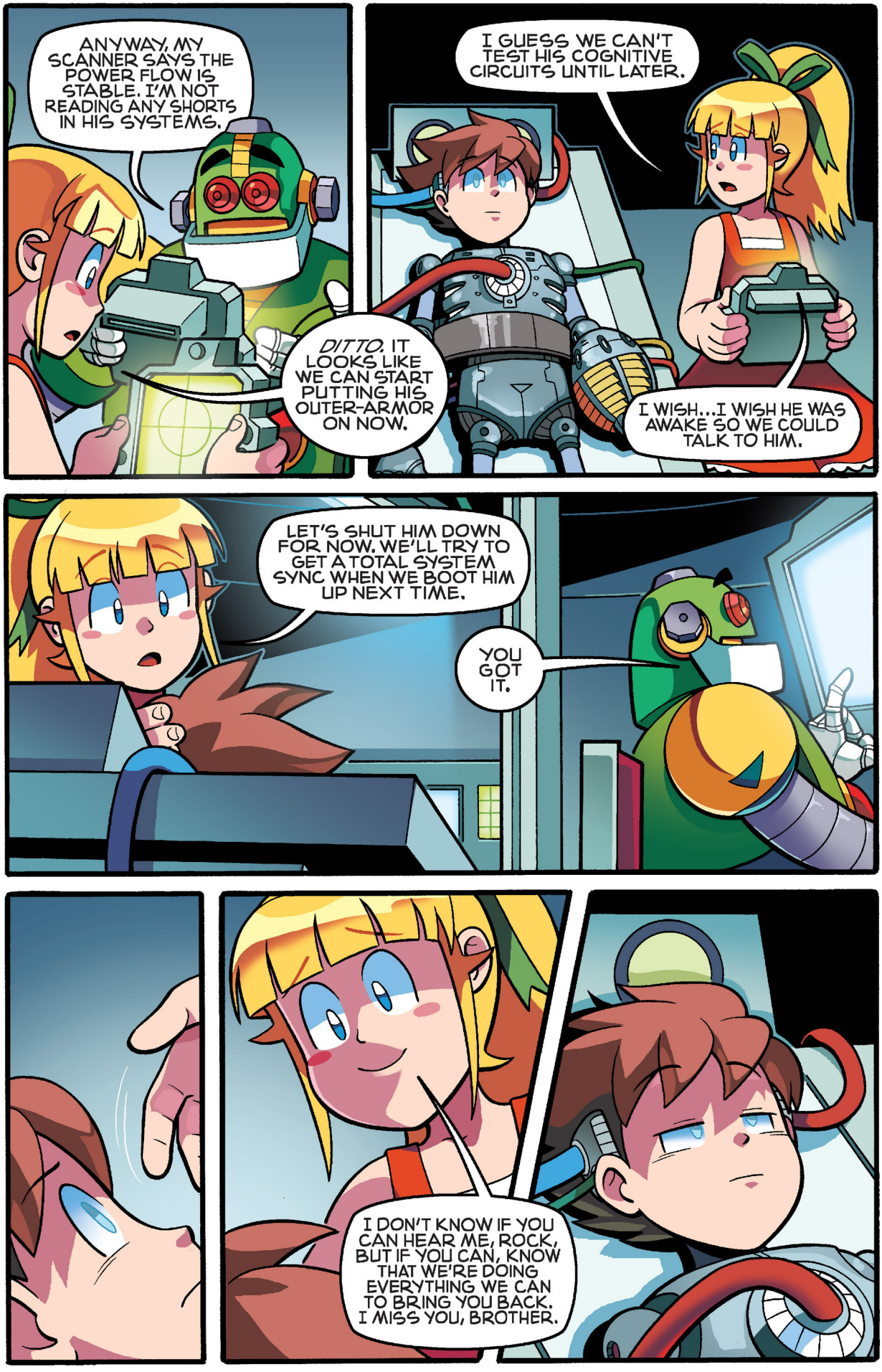
WE'RE PRETTY BANGED UP, SIR. I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH HELP WE CAN BE.
YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH, CUT MAN. YOU BROUGHT HIM HERE. NOW, PLEASE, GIVE US ROOM TO WORK.
NO, YOU IMBECILE! DON'T PLUG IT IN THERE! HIS POWER CORE IS UNSTABLE! I HAD TO REROUTE EVERYTHING TO KEEP HIS I.C. CHIP INTACT!
T-THE E-TANK IS DOING THE TRICK. IT'S SH-SHOWING HIS POWER LEVELS ARE STABILIZING. I...I THINK HE'S GOING TO BE OKAY.
MY BEAUTIFUL BOY...YOU'RE SO STRONG... YOU'LL... YOU'LL MAKE IT...
PFFT, TYPICAL. GIVE HIM ALL THE CREDIT. I'M THE ONE WHO SAVED BOTH YOUR BOYS...

WHAT IS YOUR HAND IN THIS? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WORLD?
WHAT HAPPENED TO MY BOY?
MY BOYS!
ALBERT ...PLEASE... DID YOU FIND BLUES?
MORE LIKE HE FOUND ME--AT THE EDGE OF THE LANFRONT RUINS.
I REPAIRED HIM, REPLACED HIS BROKEN CORE, AND THEN...
AHEM AND THEN HE RAN FROM ME.*
I'M SORRY, THOMAS, BUT HE WAS JUST SO ANGRY...
REPLACED HIS CORE? I--I SUPPOSE, AFTER ALL THIS TIME, THAT'D MAKE THE MOST SENSE...
*THAT'S ALMOST RIGHT--SEE MM#18.

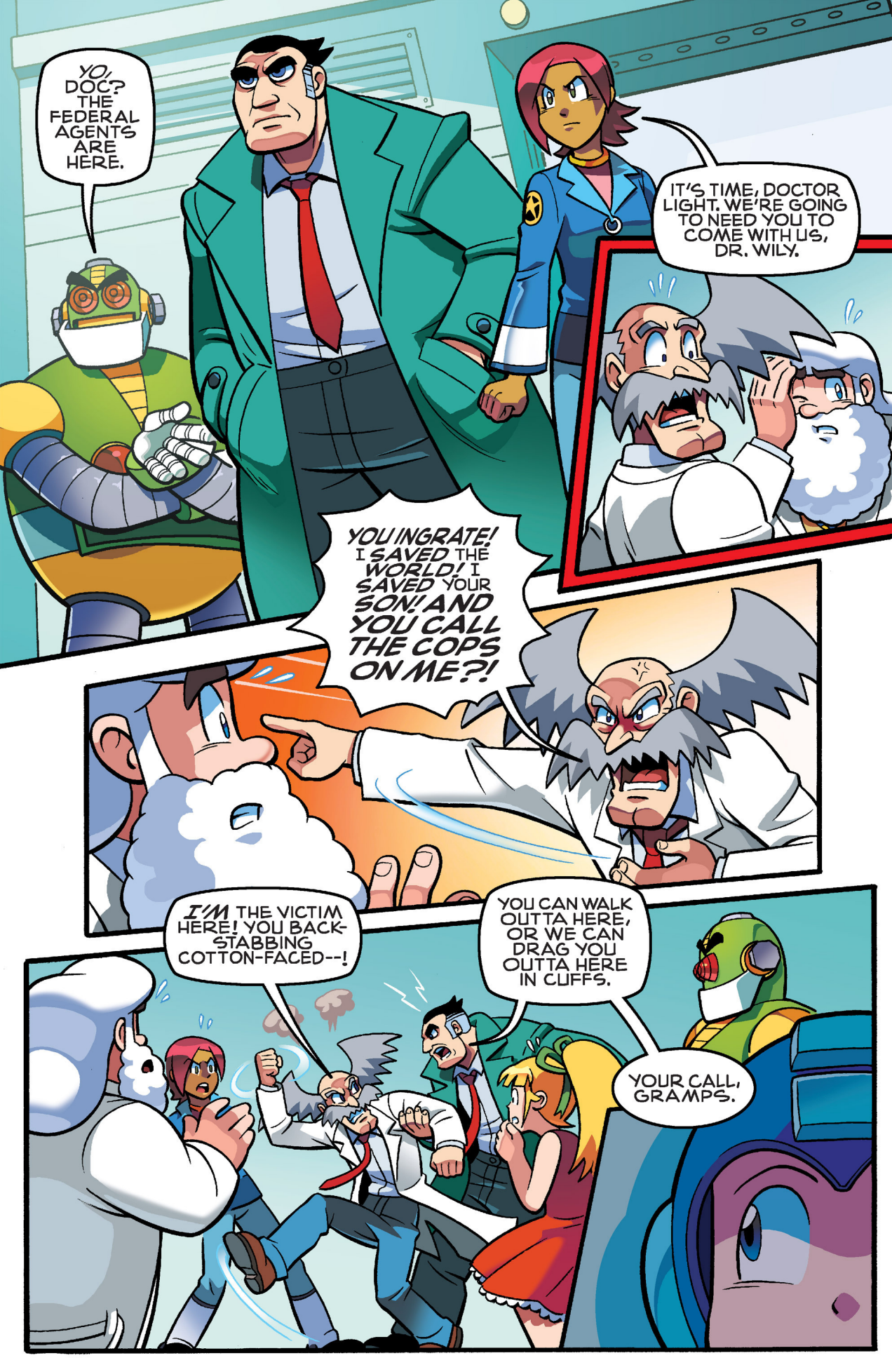

I DON'T UNDERSTAND...WHY DID BLUES ATTACK US?* AND THEN ...THEN GIVE US THE IMMUNITY FORMULA...?**
IT RAISES SO MANY QUESTIONS...
*MM#23.
**MM#29.
I ONLY GOT ONE--WHY HAS NOBODY CALLED THE POLICE YET?!
I'M INNOCENT, YOU BUFFOON-BOT! I WAS CONTROLLED BY RA MOON! MEGA MAN SAVED ME, AND THEN I SAVED HIM!
THAT'S WHY!
EASY, ALBERT, EASY, YOU'LL HAVE YOUR CHANCE TO TELL YOUR SIDE OF THE STORY.
FOR NOW, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU COULD USE A SHOWER AND A SHAVE.
LET US SHUT ROCK DOWN FOR NOW SO WE CAN DO MORE INTENSIVE REPAIRS. WE NEED TO TEND TO CUT MAN, BOMB MAN, AND GUTS MAN AS WELL.
O-OKAY. SLEEP WELL, ROCK. WE'LL HAVE YOU FIXED SOON.


YOU SURE WE SHOULD BE RUNNING THESE TESTS NOW? SHOULDN'T WE BE WAITING FOR THE DOCS?
I'M SURE. THEY'VE BEEN WORKING FOR DAYS NOW, AND THEY NEED THEIR REST. PLUS, I'D LIKE TO WAKE DOCTOR LIGHT WITH SOME GOOD NEWS.
HOW DOES THE SYSTEM CHECK LOOK?
I THOUGHT THAT STUFF WASN'T SUPPOSED TO LAST THIS LONG?
UH... GOOD, I GUESS? THAT PROTECTIVE COATING JUNK IS MESSING WITH THE SENSORS.*
AGAINST THE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC FIELD OF AN EVIL SPACE EYE-BALL? NO. AGAINST OUR WEAKER SCANNERS? SURE. C'MON, WE'LL USE THE HAND-HELDS.
*A PROTECTIVE COATING WAS ADDED TO OUR HEROES TO KEEP THEM FUNCTIONING DURING THE WORLD-WIDE BLACK OUT. --EDITOR.


SPEAKIN' OF THAT--DO YOU BUY DR. WILY'S STORY? ABOUT HOW HE'D BEEN BRAIN-WASHED ALL THIS TIME?
I...I DON'T KNOW.
A LOT OF THIS STORY SYNCS WITH WHAT DOCTOR ASTIL SAID. PLUS...CUT MAN, BOMB MAN, AND GUTS MAN VOUCHED FOR HIM.
YEAH, BUT HE'S MESSED WITH THEIR CIRCUITS BEFORE. *
AND DR. LIGHT PUT SAFE-GUARDS IN AGAINST THAT. PLUS...HE DID MAKE THE EFFORT TO KEEP ROCK'S SYSTEMS STABLE AND BRING HIM ALL THE WAY HOME...
...SOMETIMES I WISH I'D BEEN THE ONE TO VOLUNTEER. THE ONE DR. LIGHT WEAPONIZED INSTEAD OF...
GIVE ME THE BUSTER, THE COPY CHIP, AND THE BURDEN.
THEN...THEN POOR ROCK WOULDN'T HAVE TO SUFFER...
YEAH, AND THEN YOU'D BE THE ONE ON THE TABLE, AND ROCK WOULD BE THE ONE WANTING TO SWITCH PLACES. HE KNOWS YOU'LL KEEP HIM UP AND RUNNING--DON'T FORGET THAT.
I KNOW. JUST... THANKS, AUTO.
*MEGA MAN VOL. 1.

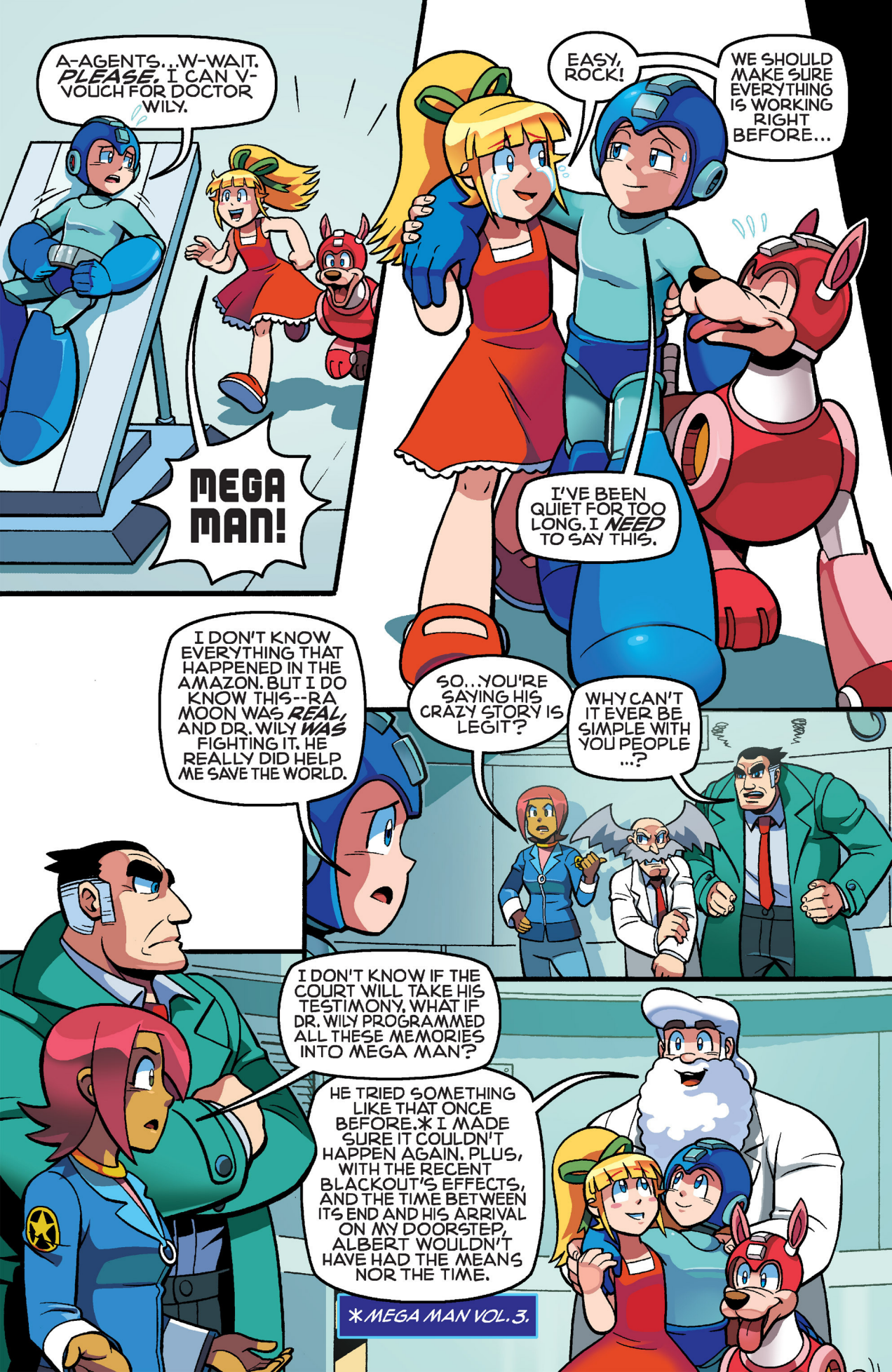

ANYWAY, MY SCANNER SAYS THE POWER FLOW IS STABLE. I'M NOT READING ANY SHORTS IN HIS SYSTEMS.
DITTO. IT LOOKS LIKE WE CAN START PUTTING HIS OUTER-ARMOR ON NOW.
I GUESS WE CAN'T TEST HIS COGNITIVE CIRCUITS UNTIL LATER.
I WISH...I WISH HE WAS AWAKE SO WE COULD TALK TO HIM.
LET'S SHUT HIM DOWN FOR NOW. WE'LL TRY TO GET A TOTAL SYSTEM SYNC WHEN WE BOOT HIM UP NEXT TIME.
YOU GOT IT.
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN HEAR ME, ROCK, BUT IF YOU CAN, KNOW THAT WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO BRING YOU BACK. I MISS YOU, BROTHER.

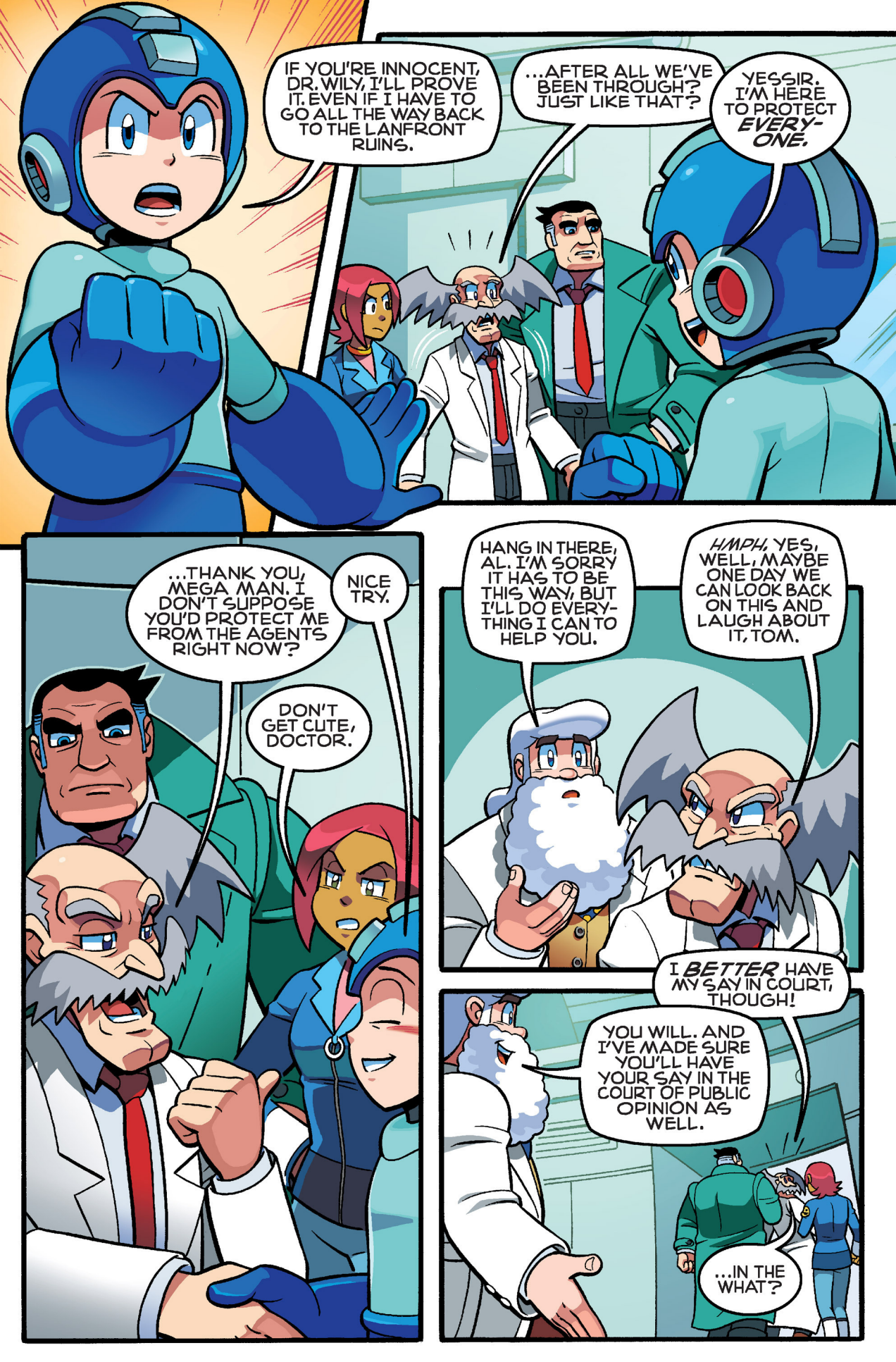
ALL SYSTEMS ARE BOOTING UP. IT WILL TAKE A FEW MINUTES FOR THEM TO COME ONLINE, AND THEN A FEW MORE FOR THEM TO SYNC WITH EACH OTHER.
PROVIDED EVERYTHING WORKS THE FIRST TIME.
LISTEN TO YOU! WE DID THE REPAIRS, TOM. HE'LL BE FINE.
WELL, THEN! HERE'S TO ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PROJECT.
YES.
...THANK YOU, AL. THIS MEANS MORE TO ME THAN YOU KNOW.

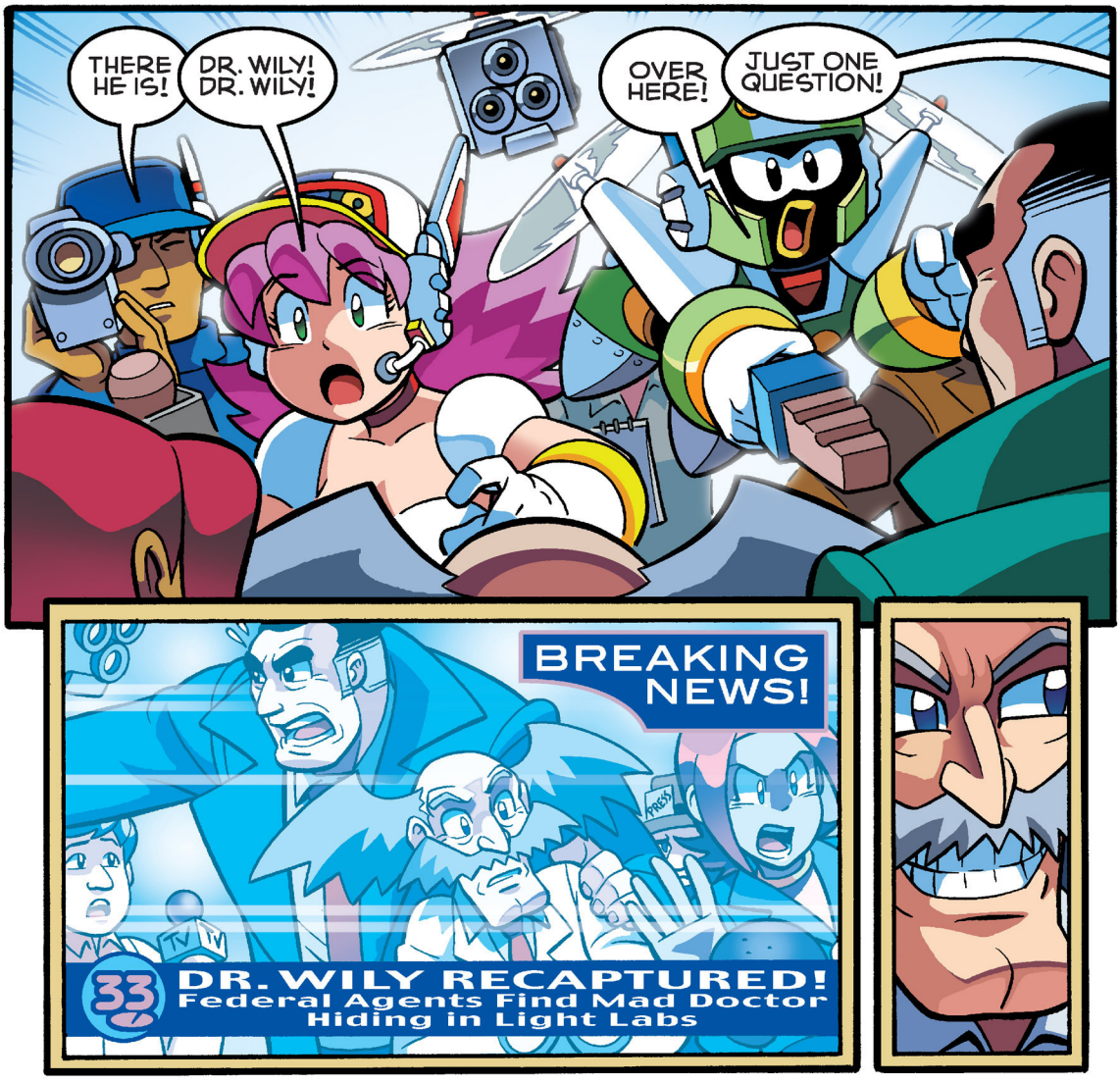

YO, DOC? THE FEDERAL AGENTS ARE HERE.
IT'S TIME, DOCTOR LIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO NEED YOU TO COME WITH US, DR. WILY.
YOU INGRATE! I SAVED THE WORLD! I SAVED YOUR SON! AND YOU CALL THE COPS ON ME?!
I'M THE VICTIM HERE! YOU BACK-STABBING COTTON-FACED--!
YOU CAN WALK OUTTA HERE, OR WE CAN DRAG YOU OUTTA HERE IN CUFFS.
YOUR CALL, GRAMPS.

ALBERT-- PLEASE!-- LISTEN TO ME! EVEN IF IT WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THIS "RA MOON" THING, YOU TRIED TO TAKE OVER MEGA CITY, THEN THREATENED TO DESTROY IT! YOU ESCAPED FROM FEDERAL PRISON! BY KEEPING YOU HERE, I'M ABETTING A FELON!
I SEE HOW IT IS! YOU KEEP ME AROUND TO FIX MEGA MAN, THEN TOSS ME AWAY WHEN ALL THE HARD WORK'S DONE.
GIVE IT A REST, YA CRACKPOT!
WE'VE KNOWN YOU'VE BEEN HERE FOR DAYS. DOC LIGHT IS THE ONLY REASON WE DIDN'T LOCK YOU UP ALREADY.
OW! WH-WHAT?
WE'VE BEEN "BUSY" UNTIL YOU FINISHED WITH MEGA MAN.
THE MESS MADE BY GLOBAL BLACKOUT MAKES FUDGING THE PAPERWORK EASIER...
...BUT WE'VE ALL PUT OUR NECKS ON THE LINE FOR YOU ON THIS ONE.
...REALLY?
THE AGENTS HAVE BENT THE LAW TO THE BREAKING POINT, AND ONLY ON THE GOOD GRACES AFFORDED TO ME BY MEGA MAN'S HEROISM. I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T ASK THEM TO RISK THEIR CAREERS ANY FURTHER.

YOU CAN DRESS IT UP HOWEVER YOU LIKE--IT'S STILL A DOUBLE-STANDARD! YOU HARBOR A FUGITIVE AND GET THE COPS TO COVER IT UP? OH! IT'S OKAY BECAUSE MEGA MAN IS SUCH A BIG DARN HERO--LA-DEE-DA!
OH! THAT'S NOT OKAY BECAUSE I'M NOT THOMAS LIGHT OR ONE OF HIS PRECIOUS CREATIONS!
BUT I GET MIND-CONTROLLED BY RA MOON? I AM FORCED TO DO THINGS I'D NEVER DO? I UNCOVER THE MONSTER AND STOP HIS PLANS?
I'M DOING EVERYTHING I CAN FOR YOU! I'LL PAY YOUR BAIL! I'LL NEGOTIATE FOR YOU TO STAY HERE UNDER HOUSE ARREST!
GIVE IT A REST!
I'M TIRED OF YOUR LIES!
WE DONE HERE? GOOD. CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE JUDGE'S FACE WHEN WE TELL 'IM ABOUT YOUR CRAZY ANCIENT-MAGIC TEMPLE-ADVENTURE.
IT'S NOT MY FAULT... NOBODY BELIEVES ME...
I FOUGHT TO SAVE EVERYONE... WHO'S GOING TO FIGHT TO SAVE ME?
WAIT!


A-AGENTS...W-WAIT. PLEASE, I CAN V-VOUCH FOR DOCTOR WILY.
MEGA MAN!
EASY, ROCK!
WE SHOULD MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS WORKING RIGHT BEFORE...
I'VE BEEN QUIET FOR TOO LONG. I NEED TO SAY THIS.
I DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED IN THE AMAZON. BUT I DO KNOW THIS--RA MOON WAS REAL, AND DR. WILY WAS FIGHTING IT. HE REALLY DID HELP ME SAVE THE WORLD.
SO...YOU'RE SAYING HIS CRAZY STORY IS LEGIT?
WHY CAN'T IT EVER BE SIMPLE WITH YOU PEOPLE ...?
I DON'T KNOW IF THE COURT WILL TAKE HIS TESTIMONY, WHAT IF DR. WILY PROGRAMMED ALL THESE MEMORIES INTO MEGA MAN?
HE TRIED SOMETHING LIKE THAT ONCE BEFORE.* I MADE SURE IT COULDN'T HAPPEN AGAIN. PLUS, WITH THE RECENT BLACKOUT'S EFFECTS, AND THE TIME BETWEEN ITS END AND HIS ARRIVAL ON MY DOORSTEP, ALBERT WOULDN'T HAVE HAD THE MEANS NOR THE TIME.
*MEGA MAN VOL. 3.


IF YOU'RE INNOCENT, DR. WILY, I'LL PROVE IT. EVEN IF I HAVE TO GO ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE LANFRONT RUINS.
...AFTER ALL WE'VE BEEN THROUGH? JUST LIKE THAT?
YESSIR. I'M HERE TO PROTECT EVERY-ONE.
...THANK YOU, MEGA MAN. I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'D PROTECT ME FROM THE AGENTS RIGHT NOW?
NICE TRY.
DON'T GET CUTE, DOCTOR.
HANG IN THERE, AL. I'M SORRY IT HAS TO BE THIS WAY, BUT I'LL DO EVERY-THING I CAN TO HELP YOU.
HMPH. YES, WELL, MAYBE ONE DAY WE CAN LOOK BACK ON THIS AND LAUGH ABOUT IT, TOM.
I BETTER HAVE MY SAY IN COURT, THOUGH!
YOU WILL. AND I'VE MADE SURE YOU'LL HAVE YOUR SAY IN THE COURT OF PUBLIC OPINION AS WELL.
...IN THE WHAT?


THERE HE IS!
DR. WILY! DR. WILY!
OVER HERE!
JUST ONE QUESTION!
BREAKING NEWS!
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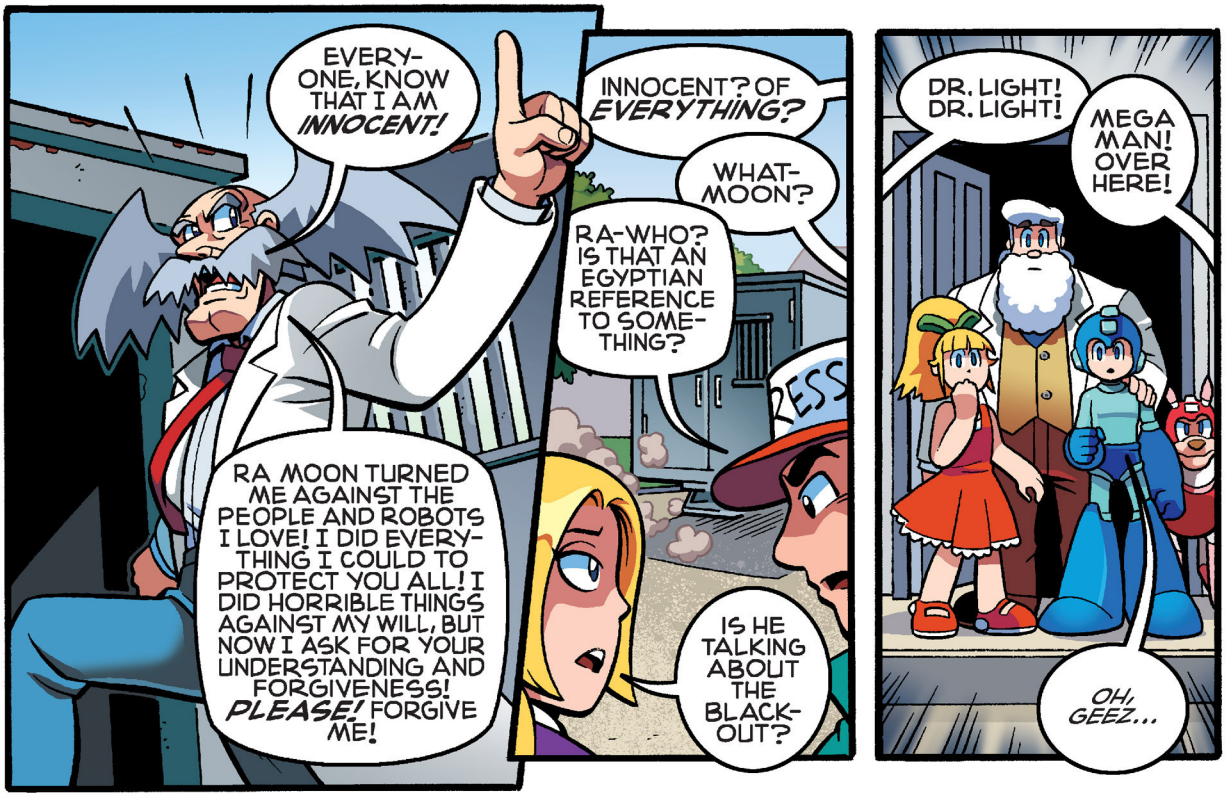
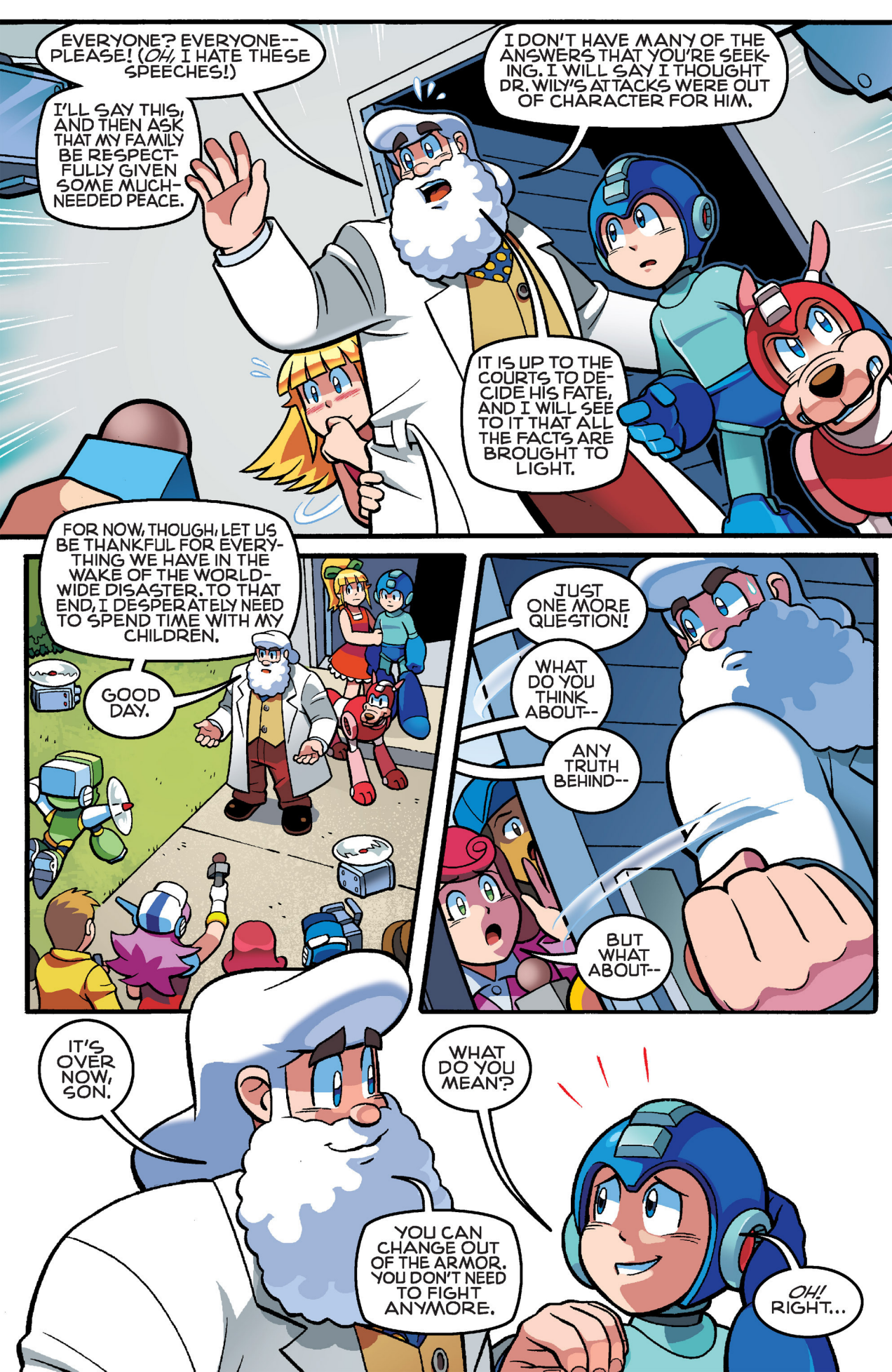
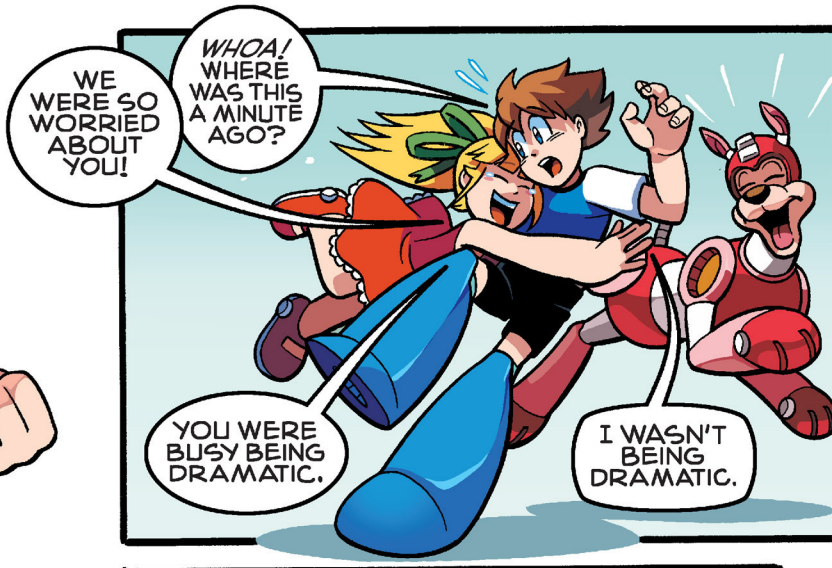
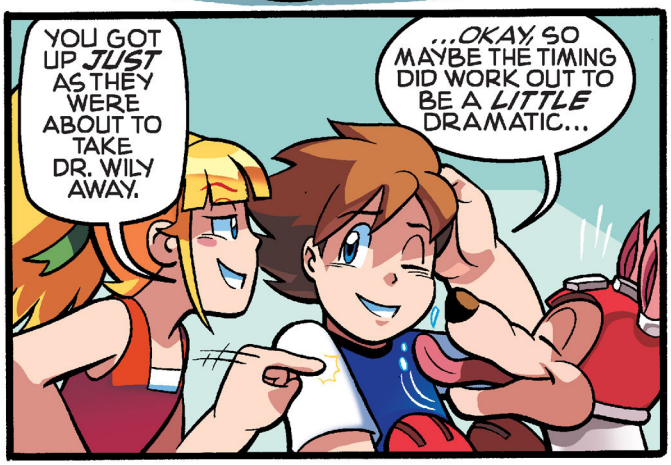
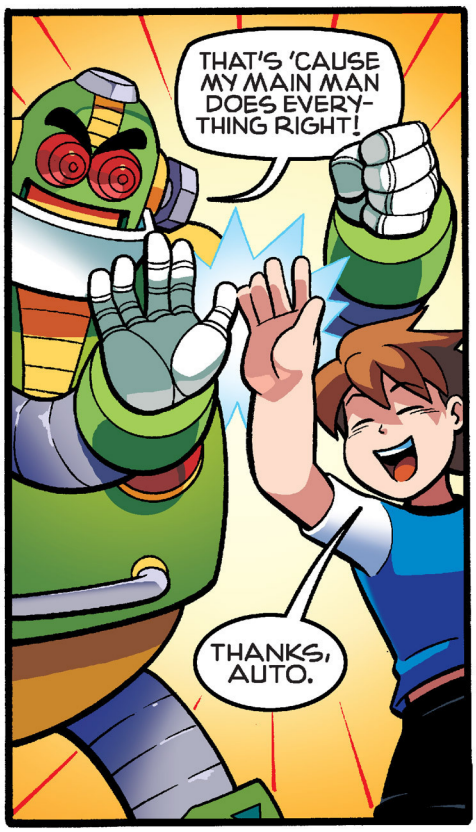

EVERY-ONE, KNOW THAT I AM *INNOCENT!*
RA MOON TURNED ME AGAINST THE PEOPLE AND ROBOTS I LOVE! I DID EVERY-THING I COULD TO PROTECT YOU ALL! I DID HORRIBLE THINGS AGAINST MY WILL, BUT NOW I ASK FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND FORGIVENESS! *PLEASE!* FORGIVE ME!
INNOCENT? OF *EVERYTHING?*
WHAT-MOON?
RA-WHO? IS THAT AN EGYPTIAN REFERENCE TO SOME-THING?
IS HE TALKING ABOUT THE BLACK-OUT?
DR. LIGHT! DR. LIGHT!
MEGA MAN! OVER HERE!
OH, GEEZ...


EVERYONE? EVERYONE-- PLEASE! (OH, I HATE THESE SPEECHES!)
I'LL SAY THIS, AND THEN ASK THAT MY FAMILY BE RESPECTFULLY GIVEN SOME MUCH-NEEDED PEACE.
I DON'T HAVE MANY OF THE ANSWERS THAT YOU'RE SEEKING. I WILL SAY I THOUGHT DR. WILY'S ATTACKS WERE OUT OF CHARACTER FOR HIM.
IT IS UP TO THE COURTS TO DECIDE HIS FATE, AND I WILL SEE TO IT THAT ALL THE FACTS ARE BROUGHT TO LIGHT.
FOR NOW, THOUGH, LET US BE THANKFUL FOR EVERYTHING WE HAVE IN THE WAKE OF THE WORLD-WIDE DISASTER. TO THAT END, I DESPERATELY NEED TO SPEND TIME WITH MY CHILDREN.
GOOD DAY.
JUST ONE MORE QUESTION!
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT--
ANY TRUTH BEHIND--
BUT WHAT ABOUT--
IT'S OVER NOW, SON.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU CAN CHANGE OUT OF THE ARMOR. YOU DON'T NEED TO FIGHT ANYMORE.
OH! RIGHT...


WE WERE SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
WHOA! WHERE WAS THIS A MINUTE AGO?
YOU WERE BUSY BEING DRAMATIC.
I WASN'T BEING DRAMATIC.

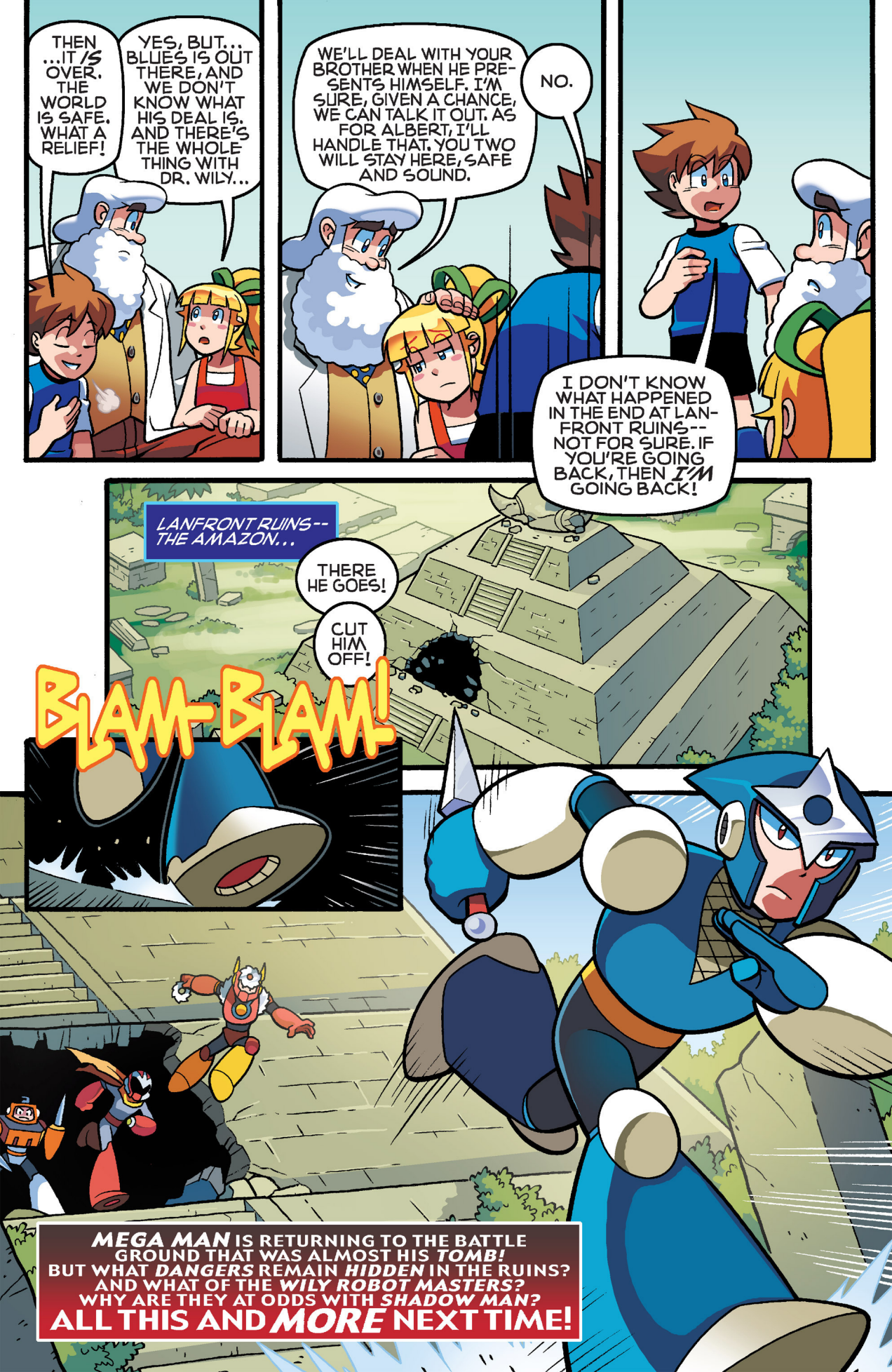

YOU GOT UP JUST AS THEY WERE ABOUT TO TAKE DR. WILY AWAY.
...OKAY, SO MAYBE THE TIMING DID WORK OUT TO BE A LITTLE DRAMATIC...


THAT'S 'CAUSE MY MAIN MAN DOES EVERY-THING RIGHT!
THANKS, AUTO.

I WISH I COULD'VE SAID THIS A WHILE AGO, BUT...
...HI, DAD. I'M HOME.
WELCOME HOME, SON. WELCOME HOME.

WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF THE WORLD? DID I STOP RA MOON IN TIME?
YOU DID! WITH THE POWER RESTORED, THE ROBOTS CAME BACK ONLINE. AND THEY DID EXACTLY AS I HOPED THEY WOULD...
"...HELPING TO REBUILD...
"...HELPING TO REFUEL...
"...HELPING TO RESCUE...

"...HELPING TO CLEAN...
"...HELPING TO POWER...
"...AND HELPING TO RESTORE."
TOGETHER, THE ROBOTS OF THE WORLD HELPED SAVE HUMANITY FROM THE BRINK OF DESTRUCTION. I CAN THINK OF NO FINER LEGACY.


THEN ...IT *IS* OVER. THE WORLD IS SAFE. WHAT A RELIEF!
YES, BUT... BLUES IS OUT THERE, AND WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HIS DEAL IS. AND THERE'S THE WHOLE THING WITH DR. WILY...
WE'LL DEAL WITH YOUR BROTHER WHEN HE PRESENTS HIMSELF. I'M SURE, GIVEN A CHANCE, WE CAN TALK IT OUT. AS FOR ALBERT, I'LL HANDLE THAT. YOU TWO WILL STAY HERE, SAFE AND SOUND.
NO.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED IN THE END AT LANFRONT RUINS-- NOT FOR SURE. IF YOU'RE GOING BACK, THEN *I'M* GOING BACK!
LANFRONT RUINS-- THE AMAZON...
THERE HE GOES!
CUT HIM OFF!
BLAM-BLAM!
MEGA MAN IS RETURNING TO THE BATTLE GROUND THAT WAS ALMOST HIS ***TOMB!***
BUT WHAT ***DANGERS*** REMAIN ***HIDDEN*** IN THE RUINS?
AND WHAT OF THE ***WILY ROBOT MASTERS?***
WHY ARE THEY AT ODDS WITH ***SHADOW MAN?***
ALL THIS AND *MORE* NEXT TIME!

MEGA-MAIL PRESENTS MASTER WORKS

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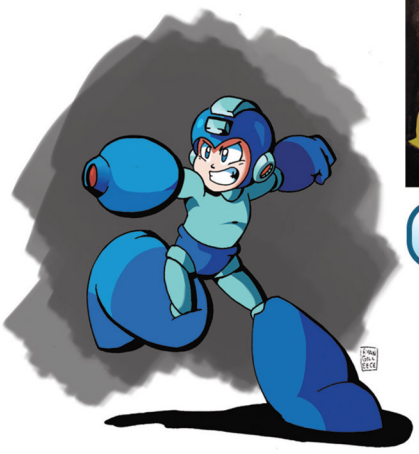

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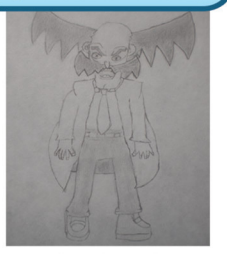

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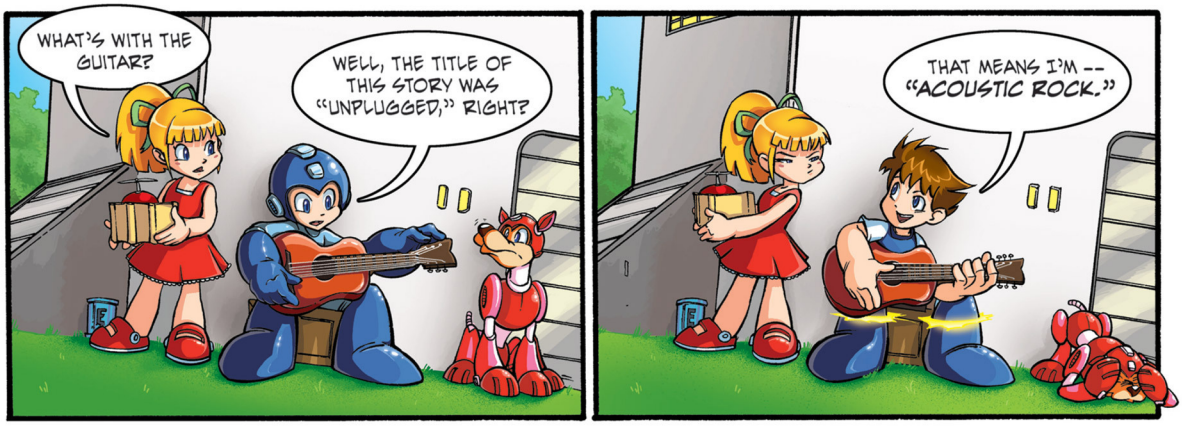

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Dear Mega-Mail,
Hi! My name is Demetrius C. I am an eleven year-old boy who loves your comics.

Hey there Demetrius! We're mega-glad to hear that!

Your best idea by far was the Worlds Collide story of Mega Man and Sonic.

It was pretty cool wasn't it? If any of you folks out there didn't know, the first volume of the Worlds Collide story Demetrius is talking about is currently available now! Check out the coupon in the beginning of this comic to order your copy today! Plugplugplugplugplugplug!

I look up to all of you guys at the company. When I grow up I would like to join your company.

Your friend,
Demetrius C.
from New York

Thanks, Demetrius! Follow your dreams and we hope to see you here with us someday!

Dear Mega-Mail,
Hey there Cut Man! Could you come and open this letter for me?

Give me one second and I'll teleport your letter to him! Here comes a letter for you, Cut Man!

-BOO-WIP!-

Thanks, sir! This kid is pretty sharp, sending a clean cut guy like me some fan-mail!

I just wanted to tell Cut Man that he deserves some more respect every once in a while.

from,
Nate
from California

Boy, you really know how to make your point! I do deserve a slice of respect every now and then. Thanks for being a cut above the rest! Back to you, assistant editor-sir!

My thanks to you, Cut Man! And thanks for the letter, Nate!

Dear Mega-Mail,
Hello there, I'm a huge fan of your comics, namely the Sonic and Mega Man comics. Now, I have some questions;

One order of the usual!

1. Well, two of my questions have already been answered by you by releasing the Worlds Collide Crossover in a volume format, and making a comic based on Mega Man X. Thanks. But all I ask is that you don't change Zero's character. Keep him as awesome as he is in the games.

We are super psyched to be visiting the Mega Man X universe! You have no need to worry because we plan on retaining all of the characters' traits as they are, including the embodiment of awesomeness, Zero!

2. Is it possible to make me Zero and Proto Man's no.1 fan-girl? I love them equally.

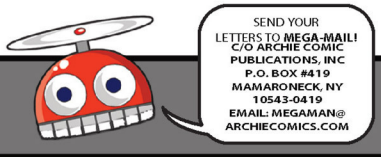
Sure thing! By the mega-power invested in me, I now dub you Zero and Proto Man's no.1 fan-girl! Come along everyone, E-Tanks on me!

I look forward to your reply.

A loyal reader and fan,
Marissa N. sent to
MegaMan@ArchieComics.com

So long, Marissa! Thanks for being a mega-fan and enjoy your new status!

That's all the room we have! We'll see y'all next time for the first of an all-new two-part story, Shadows of the Moon!



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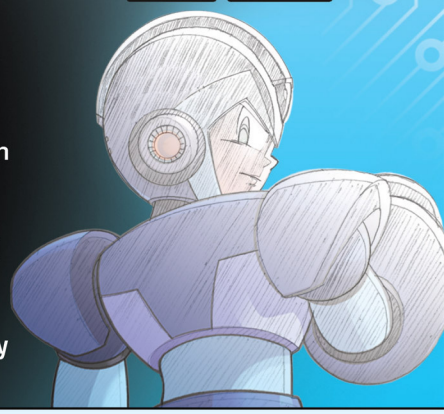

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